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1. LATEST INFORMATION ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SOVIET UNION IN 1978 BASICALLY SAME AS IN REFTEL A., WITH ONE OR TWO MODIFICATIONS. WHO ADG DR TEJADA-DE-RIVERO WILL HIMSELF MAKE TRIP TO USSR THIS SUMMER TO DECIDE ON SITE OF CONFERENCE: TASHKENT OR ALMA ALTA. DECISION WILL BE MADE BY COMING SEPTEMBER.

2. CONFERENCE IS STILL PLANNED EITHER END AUGUST OR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1978. CONFERENCE WILL LAST 7/8 WORKING DAYS, BEGINNING ON A MONDAY AND FINISHING ON A WEDNESDAY.

3. EACH MEMBER STATE PLANNING TO ATTEND CONFERENCE CAN SEND UP TO THREE REPRESENTATIVES AT WHO EXPENSE; BEYOND 3, MEMBER STATES MUST PAY. INVITEES WILL OFFICIALLY REPRESENT THEIR GOVERNMENTS. MEMBER STATES ARE FREE TO SELECT WHOM THEY WISH BUT WHO IS ASSUMING THAT TOP REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AT MINISTER OF HEALTH LEVEL. REPRESENTATIVES OF NGOS RECOGNIZED BY WHO, AND UN AGENCIES ALSO EXPECTED TO ATTEND, BOTH IN OBSERVER

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4. REGARDING ISSUING OF INVITATIONS, ALTHOUGH UNICEF WILL BE CO-SPONSOR, WHO AD HOC COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY DECIDED THAT DG MAHLER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING INVITATIONS. HOST COUNTRY WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ISSUING INVITATIONS. IN ADDITION, WHO, NOT HOST COUNTRY, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EXPENSES (USSR \$900,000/\$1 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO BE TURNED OVER TO WHO FOR DISBURSEMENTS TO BE MADE BY ORGANIZATION).

5. WHO RULES OF PROCEDURE WILL GOVERN CONVERENCE.

6. WHO SECRETARIAT AND DR TEJADA HAVE INFORMED MISSION THAT ALL SAFEGUARD MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT NEITHER THE ORGANIZATION NOR THE CONFERENCE WILL BE USED TO POLITICAL PURPOSES BY THE HOST COUNTRY. MAIN CONFERENCE DISUCSSIONS WILL BE BASED ON REGIONAL REPORTS FROM WHO REGIONS.DALE

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